

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 1-2, please replace the Title of the Invention with the following:

--*Escherichia* Bacteria with Non-PTS Genes for the Production of Amino Acids--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, lines 8-16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

That is the present invention provides:

a<sup>1</sup> (1) A bacterium belonging to the genus *Escherichia* which has been constructed from a sucrose ~~sucrose~~ non-assimilative strain belonging to the genus *Escherichia*, the bacterium harboring sucrose PTS genes and having an ability to produce an amino acid other than threonine.

(2) The bacterium according to (1), wherein the bacterium belonging to the genus *Escherichia* is *Escherichia coli*.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, lines 17-22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a<sup>2</sup> The bacterium belonging to the genus *Escherichia* of the present invention is a strain which is constructed from sucrose ~~sucrose~~ non-assimilative *Escherichia coli* as a parent strain, and which harbors sucrose genes, especially sucrose non-PTC genes, and has an ability to produce amino acid.

Please replace the Abstract at page 38 with the following substitute Abstract attached hereto.